cession in some cases, higher cosf, power shortage .nd fiequent breakdowns.

The s:cps taken by Governmenl to oveicome these problems include modernisation and lehabihtation of plant and equipment, technology up-giadation, tegular monitoring of performance, re-deployment ano rationalisation of surplus manpower, liaining and letraining of personnel and adoption of variou- cost control measures.

Expansion of Rupnarayanpur unit of Hindustan Cable

913. DR R K. PODDAR : SHRI MOSTAFA BIN QUASEM :

Will'the Ministei of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whethei theie is any proposal under Govt's consideration for Ihe expansion of Hindustan Cable's Rupnaiayanpur Unit in West Bengal,

(b) if so, what aie the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF 1NDUSTRV (SHRJ M ARUNACHALAM) . (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The pioposal for expansion of capacity by 18 lakh Conductor Kilomcteis (CKM) foi manufactuie of Jelly Filled Cables in Rupnarayanpur Unit of Hindustan Cables Ltd. was eailiei consideied by ihe Govt, but was defened pending finalisation of targets for telecommunication projections for 7th Plan. However, owing to demand as also lesource constraints no furthe! progress could be made so far Meanwhile, the company has been advised to revise the cost estimates of ihe pio-jecl.

(c) Does not arise.

Rationalisation of work force in Public Sector Enterprises

914. SHRI SUKOMAL SEN : SHRI M A. BABY :

Will the Ministei of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(.)) whethei public sector enterprises have been asked to prepaie schemes for Ihe rationalisation of their work force;

(b) if so, what is the response fi om the units, and

(c) by when the schemes are likely to be made public ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNA CHALAM) (a) Rationalisation work foi ee in Public Sector Undei takings is a Management function of the concerned Public Sector Undertakings. No specific instiuctions were issued in this regaid to the Public Sector Undertakings

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Closing down of paper mills

915. SHRI SURESH KALMADI . Will the Ministe' of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whethei it is a fact that a number of paper mills have been closed down for vai ying periods due to shortage of forest based raw materials, eiratic movement of coal supplies, etc. dining the last one year;

(b) whethei it is also a fact that a number of paper mills were unable to sell their entire pioduction resulting in growing accumulation of stocks', and

(c) if so, the steps taken by Government to improve the situation with a view to meeting ihe long term and immediate reuuiremenls of paper industry ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRl M. ARUNA CHALAM) (a) No speciflc reports about the closuie of papei mills during the yeai for icasoiis of shortage of forest raw material oi non-availability of coal have been received.